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## Update of new antidiabetics: sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors and glucagon-like peptide 1 analogues

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Blood glucose control is very important for reducing diabetic complications especially in those with young age and short duration of diabetes<sup>1,2</sup>. Metformin is the first line medication for the individuals with type 2 diabetes who cannot achieve HbA1c target with life style modification<sup>3,4</sup>; however, combination therapy added to metformin is usually needed for the achievement of HbA1c target. Medications for glucose control should be individualized considering the characteristics of each medication and patient<sup>3,4</sup>. During the last 5 years, large randomized control trials on sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors<sup>5-8</sup> and glucagon-like peptide 1 (GLP-1) analogues<sup>9-13</sup> have been reported to reduce major cardiovascular events and progression of renal complications, which resulted in the change of the guideline on the choice of glucose-lowering medications<sup>3,4</sup>. For patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease, use of SGLT2 inhibitor or GLP-1 analogue shown to reduce risk of chronic kidney disease progression, cardiovascular events, or both should be con-

sidered<sup>3</sup>. Among patients with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease at high risk of heart failure or in whom heart failure coexists, SGLT2 inhibitors are preferred<sup>3</sup>. In addition, both can reduce body weight. Based on these strengths, the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists and American College of Endocrinology consider GLP-1 analogues and SGLT2 inhibitors have priority over other medications as a combination drug with metformin<sup>4</sup>. However, adverse effects should be considered: SGLT2 inhibitors can cause genitourinary tract infection, dehydration, and euglycemic ketoacidosis, and GLP-1 analogue usually cause gastrointestinal discomfort and should be avoided in the patients with pancreatitis<sup>3,4</sup>. In addition, SGLT2 inhibitors may be less effective in patients with low glomerular filtration rate.

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